EPA Government-to-Government Consultation with the Poarch Band of Creek Indians on the State of Florida's Request for Assumption of the Clean Water Act Section 404 Program and Consultation Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)

October 30, 2020

Attendees from Oct 30 meeting

- Poarch Band of Creek Indians: Mallory Gibson, Larry Haikey, Chris Head
- EPA: Jeaneanne Gettle, Matt Hicks, Kelly Laycock, Thomas McGill, Katie Pugh, Eve Zimmerman

Comments Shared for EPA's Consideration

- The Poarch Band of Creek Indians wants the NHPA Programmatic Agreement to include a process that ensures that cultural resources are identified, potential effects on those resources are identified, and sets forth how mitigation will be addressed.
- The Poarch Band of Creek Indians requested a copy of the draft Programmatic Agreement as soon as possible and expressed concern that they would have sufficient time to review.
- The Poarch Band of Creek Indians would prefer to receive a copy of a draft Programmatic Agreement before providing written comments regarding the NHPA consultation.

Specific Action Items from the Discussion

- The EPA will share a copy of a draft Programmatic Agreement as soon as it is available.
- The EPA requested that the Tribe share in writing any comments that they wish us to consider.